Ministry.

	Dir (Tec)			*PSO			**SSO-I			Other Posts		
	UR	SC	ST	UR	SC	ST	UR	SC	ST	UR	SC	ST
1994	1	-	-	8	-	1	9	1	-	-	1	-
1995	2	-	-	-	1	1	7	1	-	-	-	-
1996	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Principal Scientific Officer

** Senior Scientific Officer Grade-I

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (Public Sector Undertaking).

		SC	ST
1994	Asst. Manager (PMES) :	1	-
	Asst. Manager (DCCS) :	1	-
	Messenger/Attendant/Farash :	-	1
	Manager (PTS) :	1	-
1995	Tech. Officer (Solar) :	-	1
	AES (DCCS) :	-	1
	Librarian (DCCS) :	1	-
	Manager (PMES) :	-	1
	Asstt Manager (PTS) :	1	1
	AES (Solar Div.) :	1	-
1996	Executive Trainee (DCCS) :	1	-
	ATO (PTS-SH) :	-	1
	ATO (DCCS) :	-	1
	Asstt. Manager (BD) :	-	1
	ATO (SE) :	1	-
	Asstt. System Analyst :	1	-
	M-A-F (MS) :	1	-
	AM (PTS) :	-	1
	Asstt. System Analyst :	1	-

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. The recruitment and promotion of SC & ST officers have been made in accordance with the relevant rules. The vacant posts are being filled up as per the prescribed procedure.

[English]

Demand for Hydrocarbons

2794. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for hydrocarbons, as compared to coal, is expected to grow at a rapid pace;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government are monitoring this sector particularly in the context of the world-wide oil and gas industry undergoing a period of reforms having an important bearing on the Indian industry too;

(c) whether hydrocarbon industry plans to have a global presence and acquire the state of the art capabilities and build alliances with other firms wherever necessary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The demand for petroleum products during 1996-97 is estimated at 78.4 MMT. It is expected to grow at 6.9% during the IX Plan.

(b) to (d). With a view to achieve self-sufficiency in refining capacity, the Government has permitted setting up refineries in the Public, Joint and Private sector and expansion of existing refineries. The Government has also offered medium and small sized oil fields to Private/ Foreign parties for the production of crude oil under Production Sharing Contracts.

Petroleum Refinery

2795. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh was issued a letter of intent from under Government for setting up of 120,000 BPD (6 million tons) petroleum refinery as 100% exports oriented unit in the State;

(b) whether economic viability of 100% Export Oriented Unit was not established as 75% of the products have to be sold at international price and Refinery Margins World-wide were extremely poor;

(c) if so, whether the request was made to the Ministry to allow Andhra Pradesh convert existing licence to a domestic refinery;

(d) if so, whether this proposal is still pending with the Union Government;

(e) whether the Ministry has considered the proposal; and

(f) if so, by the time by which the approval is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (f). No LOI has been issued to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. However, LOI have been issued for setting up